

Washington, D.C. - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced an AmeriCorps grant awarded to California's 20th Congressional District.

"I would like to congratulate Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission on receiving this AmeriCorps grant and thank them for their service to the Central Valley," Congressman Costa said.

AmeriCorps members serve in hundreds of nonprofit organizations, public agencies and community organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. In addition, AmeriCorps participants also receive an education award for their service.

The Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission will receive an AmeriCorps grant of \$621,143, which will provide for approximately 40 AmeriCorps participants. These AmeriCorps members serve as Public Safety Ambassadors in Fresno's five policing districts and provide a variety of services to the community. They will also assist with the expansion and coordination of the city's Neighborhood Watch programs, help eradicate graffiti and assist with crime analysis. Some AmeriCorps participants will serve as park patrols and recreation leaders to create safer parks and to help expand and coordinate after-school activities for the city.

"This exceptional program benefits the community and the program participants. We welcome AmeriCorps participants' great service to Fresno," Costa concluded.

#